

Command Sergeant Major Mario O. Terenas

CSM Mario O. Terenas is currently assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of U.S. Army Cadet Command and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

CSM Terenas enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Infantryman and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

CSM Terenas served as the Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Operational Test Command and as the 8th U.S. Army Wightman NCO Academy Commandant, Camp Jackson, Korea. He has held every Infantry leadership position from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major. He has served in a variety of Airborne, Stryker Mechanized, and Light Infantry units around the world, to include the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Hovey/Greaves, the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He has also held numerous other assignments, including Basic Leader Course Small Group Leader with 8th U.S. Army Wightman NCO Academy at Camp Jackson, Korea, an AC/RC Observer Controller at Fort Lewis, Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, with the 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), the Battalion Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Drum, New York, and the Senior Enlisted Observer Controller Trainer of the Light/Airborne Task Force "Tarantula Team" at the National Training Center, California.

CSM Terenas has deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom twice and once to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His military education includes all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education system. He has also completed Ranger School, Battle Staff NCO Course, and Air Assault and Airborne training. He is a graduate of Class 61 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

CSM Terenas' awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit (oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (six oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (nine oak leaf clusters), Good Conduct Medal (eighth award), National Defense Service Medal (with star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (one star), Iraqi Campaign Medal (two bronze service stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (numeral five), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral six), NATO Medal (numeral one), Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Order of St. Maurice (Centurion), and the Order of Saint Barbara. He is also a member of the distinguished Sergeant Audie Murphy Club since 1997.

